

blagoAnnex BProposed Elimination or Reduction of
Chapter IX Subject Matter

1. The NIS Standard Instructions states that "the NIS is a comprehensive digest of the basic intelligence required for the U.S. Government. The NIS is designed to serve fully the basic intelligence requirements of the Department of Defense in strategic and high level operational planning, and the Department of State in formulating and executing U.S. foreign policy. The NIS also serves lower planning and operational levels in the Armed Forces and the Department of State, and in addition all other Government agencies which require basic intelligence in the accomplishment of their missions." The Chapter IX Subcommittee considers that in general the Chapter IX is properly oriented to satisfy these requirements. An elimination or reduction of subject matter sufficiently large to create appreciable manpower savings can therefore be achieved only in the context of basic changes in the scope or objectives of the NIS mission itself. This matter is outside Subcommittee competence.

2. The Subcommittee considers, however, that minor parts of Chapter IX subject matter can be reduced without departing from the NIS mission. It is felt, furthermore, that with such changes the contents of the Chapter will be more in keeping with actual reader needs. The material to be eliminated is not essential intelligence information in the context of the Chapter IX and does not significantly facilitate reader use or understanding of the basic information presented in the Chapter. Finally, the proposed changes will facilitate handling of these parts in the revised Chapter IX outline (Annex C) and may aid individual contributors in meeting deadlines. The changes are as follows:

a. Development and extent of mapping and charting (present

Section 90 A 1). This introductory material is limited to a discussion of current mapping agencies and the variety and extent of maps and charts presently available. The contribution of other countries is described primarily in terms of their current involvement in the NIS Area being discussed. Treatment of the historical development of mapping and charting is eliminated.

b. Geodetic surveys. Geodetic surveys is eliminated as a separate subject. Comment is limited to those instances in which geodetic materials, or their absence, constitute a particularly significant element in the evaluation of a particular mapping situation or map series. Discussion of historical development is eliminated, as is Figure 92-1, Index of Available Geodetic Control and Gravity Observations. Such references to geodetic subjects as may be desirable are made solely in terms of their effect on the mapping or charting category concerned. In short, geodetic surveys information is subordinated to the purpose of the Chapter -- appraisal of maps and charts. Elements eliminated are of little interest to the layman and too generalized for value to the topographic engineer or other specialist. More clearly, significant aspects of geodesy such as target positioning, intercontinental connections, and access to data are considered to lie outside the mission of the Chapter IX.

c. Hydrographic and oceanographic surveys. As with geodetic data, discussion of hydrographic and oceanographic surveys as separate subjects is eliminated. Comment is limited to those instances in which the materials concerned, or their absence, have an especially important bearing on the evaluation of a particular charting situation or chart series. Discussion of historical development is eliminated.

d. Aerial photography. Discussion of aerial photography, with attendant graphics, is eliminated as a separate subject. Comment is limited to those instances in which the existence, quality, and extent of photography relates especially to the evaluation of a particular mapping situation or individual series.

e. Special armed-forces maps and charts. This category is eliminated. While from time to time items have been listed under it, only a very few have been true specialized maps or charts of the type identified. Most listings have consisted of cross-references to other maps on which installations OB data are shown. The Subcommittee feels that in either case the NIS citation is of limited value because of the rapid obsolescence of OB data.